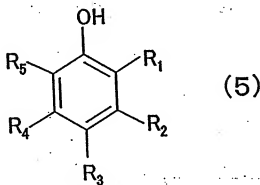


Amendments to the Specification

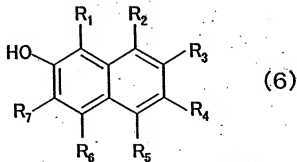
On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 to page 14, line 2, with the following:

Compound (F) containing two and more hydroxyl groups combined with each of on adjacent carbon atoms comprising an aromatic ring may contain optionally a substituent other than the hydroxyl groups.

Compound (F) may be a monocyclic compound represented by general formula (5):



wherein one of R₁ and R₅ is hydroxyl and the other is hydrogen, hydroxyl or a substituent other than hydroxyl; and R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen, hydroxyl or a substituent other than hydroxyl; or a polycyclic compound represented by general formula (6):



wherein one of R_1 and R_7 is hydroxyl and the other is hydrogen, hydroxyl or a substituent other than hydroxyl; and R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are hydrogen, hydroxyl or a substituent other than hydroxyl.